

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 5/17/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Collins, Administrative Services Manager 788-2932 Raven Lopez, Accountant III 781-4783	
(4) SUBJECT Request to 1) approve the release of unencumbered Mental Health Services Act Housing Program funds held by the California Housing Finance Agency in the amount of \$133,644 for future housing assistance projects; and 2) delegate signing authority to the Behavioral Health Administrator to sign the required Funding Release Form. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the Behavioral Health Department's request for the release of unencumbered Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing Program funds held by the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) in the amount of \$133,644 for future housing assistance projects; and 2. Delegate signing authority to the Behavioral Health Administrator to sign the required Funding Release Form. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Mental Health Services Act	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$133,643.54 (FY 2016-17)	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>4/22/2008</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Morgan Torell			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Anne Robin, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 5/17/2016

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the release of unencumbered Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing Program funds held by the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) in the amount of \$133,644 for future housing assistance projects; and
2. Delegate signing authority to the Behavioral Health Administrator to sign the required Funding Release Form.

DISCUSSION

On May 14, 2007, the former State Department of Mental Health (DMH), now Department of Health Care Services, notified the Health Agency that San Luis Obispo County's allocation of MHSA Housing Program funds was \$2,583,400. The MHSA Housing Program was funded from the Community Services and Support (CSS) Component of the MHSA for housing assistance projects. At the time, DMH required the assignment of these funds (on behalf of the County) to the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) in order to participate in the state-administered MHSA Housing Program.

On April 22, 2008, the County Behavioral Health Department (Department) received approval from the Board to participate in the MHSA Housing Program, which was jointly administered by DMH and CalHFA. The County's allocation of \$2,583,400 was then transferred by DMH on behalf of the County to CalHFA. CalHFA held these funds in a County specific interest bearing sub-account.

The Department developed a local MHSA Housing Committee to work on a Housing Plan which included conducting a community needs assessment, posting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for housing projects, and the review and selection of projects submitted by contractors and providers. Transitions Mental Health Association (TMHA) was awarded the housing project funds to build an eight unit housing facility on Nipomo Street in March 2012 (completed November 2013).

Of the amount that was allocated to the County, a balance of \$133,643.54 remains in the interest bearing sub-account with CalHFA. As per Welfare and Institutions Code section 5892.5, the County is required to receive approval from the MHSA stakeholder committee, as well as from the Board of Supervisors, to draw down the balance of the funds by signing the MHSA Housing Program County Funding Release Form. The Department received approval from the MHSA stakeholder committee on September 18, 2015, to draw down the balance. The request before the Board is to approve the Department's request to release the unencumbered funds from CalHFA by fiscal year end and delegate signing authority to the Behavioral Health Administrator to sign the required Funding Release Form. Once received, the funds will be held in the local MHSA trust account to use towards future housing assistance projects. Housing assistance may include such items as rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits or other move-in cost assistance. Additionally, capital funding to build or to rehabilitate housing may be used for homeless, mentally ill persons or a mentally ill person at

risk of being homeless as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code 5600.3.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Department met with the MHSA stakeholder committee on September 18, 2015 and received approval for this item.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The funds held at CalHFA are not currently included in the FY 2016-17 recommended budget. The release of these funds from CalHFA will give the County, with MHSA stakeholder approval, an additional \$133,643.54 to be used towards housing assistance projects for the MHSA population, as required per Welfare and Institutions Code 5892.5. Once received from CalHFA, the funds will be held in the local MHSA trust account to be used towards future housing assistance projects. The Department will return to the Board in FY 2016-17 for any appropriation adjustments required if a contract is awarded in the new fiscal year.

RESULTS

The additional support in housing assistance will help the Department continue to provide appropriate housing and services to clients, which can increase the probability of positive treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - MHSA Housing Program County Funding Release Form